

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle numbers on Minnesota farms on January 1, 2002, remained unchanged from a year earlier. Minnesota's 2001 calf crop at 890,000 was down 2% from 2000. Meanwhile, sheep and lambs were down 6% from January 1, 2001. The inventory of all hogs on December 1, 2001, was down 2% from a year earlier. Farrowings at 1,055,000 in 2001 were up 2% from the previous year. A crop of 9,470,000 pigs was produced in the state during 2001, up 2% from 2000. The average annual litter rate of 8.98, a new record, was up from 8.95 in 2000. All chickens on farms were down slightly from a year earlier.

The combined value of all livestock and poultry on Minnesota farms was \$2.6 billion at the end of 2001. All cattle and calves, valued at \$2.1 billion, were up 8% from a year earlier. The value of hogs on hand on December 1, 2001, accounted for \$504 million, down 5%; all sheep and lambs, \$14.9 million, down 12%; and all chickens, \$25.3 million, down 11%.

Cattle operation were down 1,000 from a year earlier while hog operations were down 800. Operations with milk cows decreased 700 and beef cows decreased 300. All sheep operations were down 200.

LIVESTOCK: January 1 Inventory, Minnesota, 1998-2002

Year	All Cattle	Cattle on Feed	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs 1/	All Sheep
			1,000 Head			
1998	2,500	265	555	395	5,700	165
1999	2,500	270	545	385	5,700	175
2000	2,550	285	540	400	5,500	165
2001	2,550	290	520	410	5,800	170
2002	2,550	270	500	410	5,700	160

1/ Inventory as of December 1 previous year.

LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations, Minnesota, 1997-2001 1/

Year	Number of Operations With:				
	All Cattle	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
			Operations		
1997	33,000	10,500	16,000	9,000	2,900
1998	31,000	9,700	15,800	8,500	2,600
1999	30,000	9,100	15,800	7,500	2,700
2000	30,000	8,500	15,800	7,300	2,600
2001	29,000	7,800	15,500	6,500	2,400

1/ An operation is any farm having one or more head of livestock on hand at any time during the year. Addition may exceed total farms in the state.